

GREATER WYOMING COMMUNITY RESOURCE ALLIANCE
April 26, 2016

I ROLL CALL

Present: Curtis Holt, Rebecca Rynbrandt, Tamara Lopez, Jim Carmody, Jeff Koeze, Elizabeth Rosario, Bob O'Callaghan, Nancy Bazan, Tyler Tascano

Absent: Kent VanderWood, Jack Sluiter

Guest: None

Carmody called meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Carmody introduced Tascano. Tascano shared his background and personal goals. Board members introduced themselves.

II PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Rosario was thanked for doing the minutes for March in Rynbrandt's absence. A motion by Lopez, seconded by O'Callaghan to approve the March 22, 2016 meeting minutes was made. Motion carried unanimously.

III FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Finance Department

Bazan presented a written report for the period ending April 25, 2016. Bazan will be updating it to reflect deferred sponsorship funds related to Pinery Park Little League as they are taking multiple year sponsorships.

Bazan reported that the Community Enrichment Commission has raised \$440 in sponsorship and ads year to date. Rynbrandt provided an update to the Board on the City Council ordinance change allowing for the CEC to pursue a paid fund raiser; who may or may not be one of their members. The CEC is preparing a Request for Proposal/Qualification that will seek interested fundraisers. They are required to follow City of Wyoming purchasing procedures and policies as established by City Council.

Bazan also reported on the Smile Amazon opportunity for fundraising. Amazon will not accept checks from the City of Wyoming. As a result, the Alliance would need to have a separate bank account, with check writing and deposits outside of the City of Wyoming financial system. The Board discussed the following questions: Is setting up the bank account worth it? Will our donors be receptive? Can this be applied to the Meijer Program and the Target Program? Bazan

suggested the account be at Fifth Third if we decide to proceed. O'Callaghan reminded the Board of our goal to work with local businesses as much as possible. By consensus the Board agreed to pursue this. Bazan and Carmody will affirm with Holt and return to the May meeting with an action item.

A motion by Koeze, seconded by Lopez to approve the financial report as presented was made. Motion carried unanimously.

IV OLD BUSINESS

A. Carnival update.

Rynbrandt shared the preliminary estimates indicate that the carnival may have grossed \$36,000. For the City the preliminary amount is \$4,900, which would be \$2,450 for the Alliance. The carnival operator is still negotiating expenses with vendors such as the security company and the portable toilets for reduced rates due to the event closure. Rynbrandt is evaluating Pinery Park as a possible location for next year. A parking plan and review of lost shelter revenue and impact to Pinery Park Little League, if any, will be a part of this process. Additionally, we are looking to adjust the time. A discussion on possible locations ensued. Carmody shared Public Safety/Police perspectives and updates.

B. Scholarship up-date (Attachment)

Rynbrandt reported that year to date (March 31) we've provided \$5,489 in scholarships. We anticipate nearing the \$8,000 budget by year end. Scholarship use has increased 64%. Westrate is working on the trend analysis.

C. Review pamphlet and mid-year letter

Carmody introduced a new "update/report back" letter for the current donors. He distributed the letter and asked for Board review. Please provide feedback to Carmody prior to the next meeting.

Rynbrandt distributed the current Alliance brochure. Carmody asked members to provide input to updating it. Please provide feedback to Carmody & Rynbrandt prior to the next meeting. Carmody also wants to develop a list of groups in which to present the information to in the fall.

V NEW BUSINESS

A. General Motors Foundation Grant

Rynbrandt reported that she completed the grant. It is currently being reviewed by their committee. GM has indicated a desire to connect their check presentation ceremony with the Metro Cruise event. O'Callaghan confirmed that

they have spoken and that the Chamber of Commerce is supportive of this connection.

VI ITEMS FOR ACTION

- A. Approve disbursement from police donation account for K-9 and tactical equipment.

Carmody reviewed the dedicated donations received from Wyoming Animal Hospital for the K-9 unit and Weller Foundation for tactical equipment. A motion by approve the payment of invoices presented against these funds was made by Lopez, seconded by Rosario. Motion carried unanimously.

VII ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Holt updated the Board on various City initiatives. The City FY 2017 budget public hearing is on May 2 with anticipated approval on May 16. The budget includes significant investments in capital projects due to a one year/one time opportunity income source. The projects are primarily capital related to major maintenance.

There is ongoing interest in the Klingman's property. We are aware of a pending offer that is active until April 30. We are in active negotiations with the Village Mall and Loeks property to construct the street – 28thWest Place. The City has also executed an Act 425 with Bryon Township to support industrial development at Burlingame and 60th. The Fox Powersports facility is doing well and exceeding retail expectations. The Chick-fil-a site plan has been approved. The GM Plant is going to operating at full capacity – the first time in over 20 years. This will be 300-500 new jobs.

VIII PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX CLOSE – NEXT MEETING DATE

9:00 a.m., May 24, 2016, Wyoming City Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Rynbrandt
Secretary
Board of Directors